



Appendix : Abbreviated Timeline
Freedom Convoy 2022 - Canada Unity

Protective Intelligence Unit (PIU)
National Division

CANADA UNITY AND OPERATION BEAR HUG

2021-12-01: PIU advises that CANADA UNITY planned rallies in Ottawa, OPERATION BEAR HUG, from December 5-10, 2021 at City Hall, Parliament Hill, Confederation Park and the CBC building. A planned march in the NCR/Gatineau region passing in front of Parliament Hill and US embassy locations, could be expected to be from 1,000 to 10,000 people.

Between December 1st to December 5th, PIU provided daily updates to RCMP Protective and partners. The march was cancelled due to poor weather.

2021-12-03: PIU Security Overview completed on CANADA-UNITY CONVOY part of OPERATION BEAR HUG. No concerns identified at that time.

2021-12-06: PPS advises that protesters deviated from their planned itinerary due to the inclement weather and reportedly intended to engage in indoor activities (attending malls, businesses, restaurants while not wearing masks). Approx. 40-50 people were present in Confederation Park Sunday evening.

2021-12-07: About 50 protestors causing a disturbance gathered outside the Shaw Centre before PM TRUDEAU's arrival at an event. No issues reported. (PIU)

2021-12-09: The group held a protest in front of 24 Sussex Drive, which caused disruption and traffic in the area. (PIU)

2021-12-10, 18:30: CANADA UNITY protest in front of 24 Sussex drive caused a traffic jam due to approx. 20-30 vehicles involved in this convoy. The protest was disruptive but ended without incident and the group left the area. (PIU)

FREEDOM CONVOY, also known as OPERATION BEAR HUG 2.0.

The FREEDOM CONVOY was a new event organized by the group following the enforcement of the COVID mandate on January 15th where Canadian truckers must show proof of vaccination to avoid taking COVID-19 tests before reaching the border and have to quarantine when they return from the United States.

This new vaccine mandate was met by significant opposition which resulted in the organization of the FREEDOM CONVOY 2022, also know as OPERATION BEAR HUG 2.0.

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2022 FREEDOM CONVOY FUNDING

On **2022-01-15** **Personal** and **Personal** create the GoFundMe page for the "2022 Freedom Convoy" and Convoy organizers announced their plan to travel to Ottawa. Within 10 days, the initial funds at \$150k jumped to over \$5.1 million.

- 2022-01-17: Within 48 hours it is at \$150 k (PPS, IMCIT)
- 2021-01-18: at 07:03 the funds are at \$175k and by 15:54 it is over \$300k (IMCIT)
- 2021-01-20: GoFundMe page has raised over \$800,000. (PIU)
- 2022-01-24 at 12:00: GoFundMe page has raised over \$3 million
- 2022-01-25 at 07:00: The GoFundMe page for the convoy has currently raised over \$4.1 million
- 2022-01-26 at 07:00: The GoFundMe page currently sits at over \$5.1 million.

2021-01-18: Open source suggests that truckers and supporters plan to block Parliament Hill until all mandates are removed. Reports of potential group to attend 24 Sussex drive. (IMCIT)

2021-01-20: Canada Unity is organizing the Freedom Convoy 2022 to protest the current COVID-19 mandate that came into effect on 2022-01-15. Three routes have been set (from Prince Rupert, BC, PEI, and Windsor, ON) for this convoy to converge in Ottawa on January 28-29, 2022. Plan on protesting around Parliament Hill mainly on 2022-01-29. (PIU)

2022-01-20: PPS report indicates that it is unlikely the group will act violently during the convoy and their time in Ottawa; however, it is likely that Parliamentary business will be impacted due to various protests set to take place in the Parliamentary Precinct, and vehicles set to slow down traffic in the downtown core Ottawa area.

- Reportedly plans are to protest outside of 24 Sussex; block bridges and slow down traffic generally; shop without masks; protest outside CBC News at 181 Queen St (note: House of Commons offices are located in this building); and generally protest around and on Parliament Hill, including the Senate building.

2022-01-24: PIU completed security overview report and advises National Division CO of convoy's possible impact on protective mandate

The National Division Commanding Officer is advised of the convoy's possible impact on protective mandate by PIU. The convoy comprised of tractor-trailers and possibly smaller vehicles, may impede and cause disruptions throughout the city. It is also raised that the CANADA UNITY GoFundMe page has raised over \$3 million and the financial participation of individuals, it is likely a high level of physical participation will occur.

Although the group mainly plans on protesting around Parliament Hill on 2022-01-29, group may attempt to make their way to 24 Sussex Drive and other protected sites as observed on 2021-12-09 during Operation Bear Hug.

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2022-01-24, 15:15: The Canadian Trucking Alliance put out a statement saying that they do not support the current convoy. The West route convoy that began in BC on 2022-01-23, reportedly received significant support with hundreds of supporters lining up on road sides and overpasses along the route to watch the convoy go by. The convoy road captains for Saskatchewan advise that 300-400 trucks will be joining. *(PIU share with PPS)*

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2022-01-25, 11:25: OPP information shared with RCMP that "F" Div from s.37

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2022-01-26, 07:00: The convoy group ended their day on 2022-02-25 in Kenora, ON and received an OPP escort once they got into Ontario. The group is expected to leave at 0900 hrs and end their day in Thunder Bay, ON at 1600 hrs. *(PIU to PPS)*

- o Social media posts indicating that trucks from the US will be joining the Canadian convoy.

2022-01-26: National Division DIO decision that CIG be lifted for the FREEDOM CONVOY EVENT 2022

From 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-27: Activation of the Combined Intelligence Group (CIG) at the National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) at Technical and Protective Operations Facility (TPOF). The CIG representatives operated on-site at TPOF, 7 days/week, 07:00hrs- 22:00hrs, including on-call service after regular business hours.

2022-02-02: The Freedom Convoy 2022, continued to occupy Wellington Street and surrounding areas to protest the vaccine mandates. Protests, comprised of multiple transport and passenger vehicles were disruptive and unlawful and posed serious danger and threat to public safety.

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